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REF: A. STATE 104725, B. ANKARA 3820

SUMMARY: MFA HAS ACCEPTED OUR E-W TEXT, PROPOSING CHANGES WE CONSIDER ACCEPTABLE. MFA MUST CLEAR WITH TGS. WE PROPOSE SIGN TOMORROW, MAY 22, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, IN ABSENCE FURTHER SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM TURKISH SIDE.
END SUMMARY.

1. IN THREE HOUR MEETING WITH YAVUZALP AND ASULA MAY 21, WE PRESENTED TEXT CONTAINED REF (2) AS MODIFIED BY REF (1). LENGTHY DISCUSSION ENSUED, CENTERING AROUND TWO POINTS. FIRST POINT DEALT WITH PHRASES, "ANY AND ALL OBLIGATIONS," AND "AND RELATED AGREEMENTS" IN FIRST PARA OF GALLOWAY LETTER AFTER LIST OF EQUIPMENT. TURKS CONTENDED THAT THESE FORMULATIONS WERE UNDESIRABLY IMPRECISE. IN PARTICULAR, THEY WONDERED HOW THEY COULD ANSWER QUESTION AS TO REFERENCE OF "RELATED AGREEMENTS" IF ASKED TO EXPLAIN IT. WE UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO ARGUE THAT THESE FORMULATIONS WERE DESIGNED TO WIPE SLATE CLEAN, NOT ONLY OF 1962 MOU AND 1963 PROTOCOL COMMITMENTS, BUT OF ANY OTHERS THAT MIGHT BE THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN MADE, INCLUDING ANY ORAL ONES.

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2. IN EFFORT TO SHARPEN AND LIMIT TEXT STILL FURTHER, TURKS

PROPOSED INSERTING REFERENCE TO ARTICLE 3 OF 1962 MOU AS
CONTAINING FULL US COMMITMENT. WE REJECTED THIS.

3. WE AGREED AD REFERENDUM ON FOLLOWING TEXT OF PARA IN QUESTION:
QUOTE PROVISION OF THE ABOVE LISTED EQUIPMENT COMPLETELY
FULFILLS THE OBLIGATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE ELECTRONIC
WARFARE CAPABILITIES TO THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF FEBRUARY 20, 1962 AND
THE 1963 PROTOCOL THERETO. END QUOTE

4. SECOND POINT WAS TURKISH WISH NOT TO PRECLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT
AT SOME UNFORSEEABLE TIME IN FUTURE, FUNDS OTHER THAN MAP
OR TURKISH FUNDS MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR E-W. THEY WISHED TO
MAKE THIS POINT EXPLICIT. WE REFUSED TO DO THIS AND DISCOURAGED
THE NOTION ITSELF THAT SUCH FUNDS MIGHT BE AVAILABLE IN FUTURE.
AFTER LONG HAGGLING, WE AGREED AD REF ON FOLLOWING TEXT FOR FINAL
PARA: QUOTE THE UNITED STATES WILL CONSIDER
FURTHER REQUESTS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE TURKISH ARMED
FORCES IN ELECTRONIC WARFARE INFORMATION, EQUIPMENT, LOGISTIC SUPPORT
AND TRAINING. END QUOTE

5. MFA WILL HAVE TO CLEAR FULL TEXT WITH TGS, AND WILL TRY
TO DO SO TOMORROW MORNING, MAY 22. IF THEY COME BACK WITH NO
CHANGES OF SUBSTANCE, WE PROPOSE HAVE GENERAL GALLOWAY
SIGN TOMORROW AFTERNOON, MAY 22, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED
BY DEPARTMENT. NOT YET CLEAR WHO WILL SIGN FOR TGS, BUT EXPECT
IT WILL BE EITHER J-6 LT. GEN. OGUN OR HIS DEPUTY, MGEN
KAHRAMAN, EITHER OF WHOM WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

6. COMMENT: WE CONSIDER TEXT AS AGREED WITH MFA ADEQUATELY COVERS
OUR NEEDS. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANYTHING DESCRIBABLE AS AN
"AGREEMENT" EXCEPT THE 1962 MOU AND 1963 PROTOCOL.
AS TO FINAL PARA, ALTHOUGH ALL REFERENCES TO MAP HAVE BEEN
EXPUNGED, REVISED TEXT COMMITS US ONLY TO CONSIDER TURKISH
REQUESTS, NOT REPEAT NOT TO PROVIDE ANY KIND OF ASSISTANCE.
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